

Good News from Parks and Recreation

August 10, 2011 Parks Commission Meeting

Parks Master Plan - available on this website: http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/master_plan.cfm

Trails/Bikeways Master Plan - available on this website:

http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/trail_bikeway_master_plan.cfm

DNR 10/25 Parks and Trails Legacy Plan - available on this website:

<http://www.legacy.leg.mn/funds/parks-trails-fund/plan>

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New website: <http://www.mnbeaches.org/> has helpful information about beach conditions.

Trails/Bikeways Master Plan Update:

Several meetings have occurred to revise the draft of the plan. Judy Gibbs is including those comments in the draft that will be ready for the public soon. It will be posted on our website. The Public will have a chance on our website to send us comments or attend either of these two public input meetings:

Wednesday, September 14 at Central Hillside Community Center 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 21 at Hartley Nature Center 6:30-8:00 pm

Members of TAG: Anne Fleuckiger, Duluth Cross Country Ski Club; Brett Amundson, Hartley Nature Center; Candy Barbo & Joan Olszweski, local equestrians; Scott Marshall, Friends of the Lakewalk and Snowmobile Association; Eric Viken, Parks and Recreation Commission and Friends of the Parks; Andy Holak, St Louis County and Trailrunners Alliance; James Gittemeier, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and the Metropolitan Interstate Commission; Larry Sampson, Superior Hiking Trail Association; Bob Owens, Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory; Dick Haney, FIT City; Tom Beery, University of Minnesota, Duluth and Parks Commission; Tim Larson, Lake Superior College; Tom Kasper, City of Duluth, Park Maintenance; Cindy Petkac, City of Duluth, Planning; Cari Peterson, City of Duluth, Engineering; Judy Gibbs, City of Duluth, Trails Coordinator; and Amy Norris, City of Duluth, Public Information Coordinator.

Park Point Beach

This is the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation's sanctioned swimming beach and will be staffed with life guards from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Life guards will be on duty seven days a week, weather permitting, until the last week in August.

Bayfront Park Family Center

The Bayfront Park Family Center is open to the public most days, Monday-Thursday from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM throughout the summer. Recreational equipment will be available free of charge for families to use while at the park. Also check out the biggest playground in Duluth, Playfront Park.

Parks and Recreation Commission Awards Nearly \$20,000 to Twelve Community Projects

The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission announced the names and projects of twelve grant recipients totaling \$19,853.44. Grants for programs and facilities are a cooperative effort between the City of Duluth and the Parks and Recreation Commission. These grants of \$2,000 or less were awarded as starter funds to foster and promote recreation programs, encourage the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, refurbishing, maintenance and operation of public recreation facilities and community recreation programs in the City of Duluth. The grant recipients are:

\$1,000.00 - Duluth Amateur Youth Basketball Association (recreational basketball enhancement)
\$1,751.44 - Duluth YMCA Camp Kitchigami (camp - nature based recreation)
\$2,000.00 - Duluth Superior Chargers Lacrosse Club (gear and scholarships for low-income kids)
\$2,000.00 - COGGS (mountain bike trails for beginners in Lester Park - will be multiuse)
\$2,000.00 - Salvation Army/Rookie Basketball (equipment and scholarships for low-income kids)
\$1,300.00 - Chester Bowl Improvement Club (new terrain park to supplement winter programs)
\$925.00 - Superior Hiking Trail Association (watershed awareness signage along the trail)
\$2,000.00 - Morgan Park Community Club (picnic pavilion)
\$2,000.00 - Kids Café Damiano Center (install safety surface to provide safe recreation space)
\$1,227.00 - Northwood Children's Services (refurbish Park Point beach house)
\$1,650.00 - Hartley Nature Center (set up Orienteering Course at Hartley Field)
\$2,000.00 - Portman Recreation Association/Amateur Hockey (refurbish facility & new equipment garage)

"Habaneros" fresh food coming to Enger Park soon

The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation has recognized the surge in popularity of Enger Park this summer, due in part to the many new park improvements and the recent warm weather. While park visitors are enjoying all the new improvements, recent feedback stated Enger Park is a great place to picnic, but there is no convenient place for visitors to grab a bite to eat. Based on the successful model in many Twin Cities parks, we have been working to bring a quality food option directly to Enger Park.

Soon park goers will be able to enjoy an added element to Enger Park, "Habaneros", a fresh, fast and fun mobile food truck. "Habaneros" will sell fresh wholesome food from their restaurant truck at Enger Park. Visitors will be able to enjoy a walk to the top of the Tower, the Peace Bell or the spectacular overlook while grabbing something to eat and drink. "Habaneros" is owned and operated by Sara Kavajecz and Paul Kaz. Their feature product is Lake Superior White Fish Tacos made fresh daily.

The City of Duluth's Enger Park is looking better every day. Upcoming new additions to the park which include a new trail system built by City Staff and community volunteers, improved parking, resurfacing of the road leading to the Tower, and brush removal will serve as a beautiful back drop to Enger Tower. These improvements are all part of the Enger Park Renovation Project which began with improvements to Enger Tower and new lighting provided by the Duluth Rotary Club 25. The City of Duluth is proud of the recent improvements made to the park and look forward to additional changes and improvements in the near future as fund raising efforts for the Enger Park Restoration continue (see website: <http://www.duluthmn.gov/donate/>)

Sunday, August 21 at Leif Erikson Park: the United States Air Force Band "Brass in Blue"

The United States Air Force - Heartland of America Band's Brass in Blue, a pioneering symphonic brass ensemble, will present a concert on Sunday, August 21st at 3:00 PM in Leif Erikson Park, located at 11th Avenue East and London Road. This concert is free and open to the public. The concert is being brought to you by the City of Duluth and the 148th Air National Guards.

Representing more than 325,000 Air Force professionals, Brass in Blue showcases the service's excellence and precision in every performance. Comprised of ten brass players, one percussionist and a vocalist, the ensemble maintains a rigorous performance schedule presenting a diverse repertoire featuring orchestral transcriptions, patriotic favorites, jazz standards, new compositions and arrangements.

Brass in Blue band was selected to open the 2008 Grand Teton Music Festival, has performed the National Anthem for a Minnesota Timberwolves game, performs educational master classes for many Midwestern colleges, and regularly receives rave reviews from audiences across the Heartland. Brass in Blue is sure the audience will agree— “...**once heard, never forgotten...**”

Chester Creek Concerts (Chester Bowl, 1800 East Skyline Parkway)

All concerts are on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM * and free to the public. Bring a lawn chair.

August 16 Fish-Heads (Bluegrass)

August 23 Déjà vu Drifters (American Roots)

*note earlier time

Family Skating and Turf Time at the Heritage Sports Center (120 South 30th Ave West)

All skating and turf time sessions are free.

August 17 Family Skating 1:30-3:00 PM

August 18 Turf Time Activities 1:00-3:30 PM

August 24 Family Skating 1:30-3:00 PM

August 25 Turf Time Activities 1:00-3:30 PM

Movies in the Park at Leif Erikson Park (11th Avenue East and London Road)

All movies are on Fridays and free to the public. Bring a blanket. Movies start approximately 15 minutes after sunset times. Movies in the Park is brought to you by the Greater Downtown Council.

August 12	Casablanca	NR	8:24 PM	102 minutes
August 19	Bad News Bears	PG	8:12 PM	102 minutes
August 26	Twilight	PG-13	8:00 PM	122 minutes
September 9	Toy Story 3	G	7:35 PM	103 minutes

Bayfront Festival Park (South 5th Avenue West and Railroad Street)

For more information on Bayfront Festival Park Special Events go to

<http://secretserviceconcerts.com/bayfront-events.php>

August 12-14 Bayfront Blues Festival

August 20-21 Art in the Park

August 26-27 Tribute Fest

Project Proposal Requests

Community groups can request to make improvements to City property and facilities using their own funds, grants, volunteer in-kind labor, donated supplies, and sometimes City funds and labor. They go through a process that starts with the City Architect and involves a committee of City staff from many divisions. To help you stay informed about activities in our city, I will be updating you on these requests periodically. The following requests have been approved:

- 10-08 Angel of Hope (carry over from last year) - Approved previously; they are fundraising.
- 11-01 Lester Park Golf Club - interior remodel to add office
- 11-02 Woodland Mini Rink - adding a new rink
- 11-03 NHS Streetscape - improvements on 4th Street - overall concept
 - banners and flower pots
 - Cascade Park mural
- 11-04 Parks and Recreation - Binocular Viewers
- 11-05 Park Point Lafayette Community Center Improvements
- 11-07 COGG's Trail Extension at Lester Park
- 11-08 Lake Superior Zoo Picnic Pavilion Renovation
- 11-09 Lincoln Park Disc Golf
- 11-12 Woodland Community Club Spruce-up via YMCA
- 11-13 Park Point Beach House Painting
- 11-14 Portman Hockey Rink Refurbishing
- 11-15 Chester Bowl Terrain Park
- 11-16 Morgan Park Pavilion
- 11-17 Hartley Orienteering Course
- 11-19 Skywalk Painting (no funding by the City)
- 11-20 Playfront Park Phase II